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Thomas H. Behlen, Chief
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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43215-1099

Re: Section 303(d) Total Maximum Daily Load Waterbody List (TMDL)

Dear Mr. Behlen:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of your final *Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List For the State of Ohio* (i.e. "TMDL" priority list), submitted October 31, 1996. This list is approved pursuant to Section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act, and 40CFR 130.7. This approval includes the schedule for TMDL development on waterbodies listed in the October 31, 1996, submittal.

The Ohio TMDL list includes a total of 602 river/stream segments, and 129 lakes and ponds. There are 31 stream segments within the 2 Cuyahoga River hydrologic groups designated for 1997-98 TMDL development. In addition, the State will develop single-source TMDLs (Water Quality Based Effluent Limits) for 76 dischargers.

I acknowledge that completing this year's list while working to implement the Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance has been challenging. I would like to thank you and your staff for working with us so diligently and cooperatively through this difficult process in order to produce the final list by October 31.

On a related note, a number of States have expressed interest in participating in a Region 5/State TMDL workgroup that would facilitate sharing ideas and improving the TMDL process. Christine Urban will be contacting Seif Amragy shortly to discuss plans for a Region 5/State TMDL Workgroup.

Should you have an questions concerning this approval, or if I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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Director, Water Division

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